

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY)	
AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE LITIGATION)	MDL No. 1456
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO)	Civil Action No. 01-CV-12257 PBS
<i>State of Montana v. Abbott Labs., Inc., et al.,</i>)	
D. Mont. Cause No. CV-02-09-H-DWM)	Judge Patti B. Saris

**ANSWER OF DEFENDANT NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION TO
THE STATE OF MONTANA'S SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Defendant Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation ("Novartis"), for its Answer to the State of Montana's Second Amended Complaint (the "Complaint") in the captioned action, by its undersigned counsel, alleges upon knowledge as to itself, and upon information and belief as to all other matters, as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Admits as to the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 1 of the Complaint that the State of Montana purports to bring this case on behalf of the State of Montana and persons residing in Montana but denies that there is any basis on which to permit it to do so.

2. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 2 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth, except admits that Novartis is or has been engaged in the business of manufacturing, marketing and selling prescription pharmaceuticals throughout the United States, including Montana.

3. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 3 of the Complaint, except admits that the

development of new drugs can benefit Patients through better overall health, avoidance of more expensive surgical procedures, and, in some cases, longer life.

4. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 4 of the Complaint, except denies as to Novartis the allegations of abuses and injury to Patients, the State and its Medicaid program.

5. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 5 of the Complaint, except admits that certain drug reimbursement systems reimburse physicians and pharmacies for prescription drugs based upon AWPs as published and reported by third party publications.

6. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 6 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

7. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 7 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

8. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 8 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

9. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 9 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

10. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 10 of the Complaint.

11. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 11 of the Complaint.

12. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 12 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

13. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 13 of the Complaint.

14. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 14 of the Complaint.

15. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 15 of the Complaint.

16. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 16 of the Complaint.

17. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 17 of the Complaint.

18. Admits as to the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 18 of the Complaint that the State of Montana purports to seek damages and/or restitution but denies that there is any basis on which to permit it to do so.

19. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 19 of the Complaint.

20. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 20 of the Complaint.

21. Admits as to the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 21 of the Complaint that the State of Montana purports to seek restitution through its *parens patriae* and statutory powers but denies that there is any basis on which to permit it to do so.

22. Admits as to the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 22 of the Complaint that the State of Montana purports to bring this action but denies that there is any basis on which to permit it to do so.

23. Admits as to the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 23 of the Complaint that the Attorney General purports to bring this action but denies that there is any basis on which to permit him to do so.

II. PARTIES

24. Admits as to the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 24 of the Complaint that the State of Montana purports to bring this action on behalf of the State of Montana and its residents but denies that there is any basis on which to permit it to do so.

25. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 25 of the Complaint.

26. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 26 of the Complaint.

27. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 27 of the Complaint.

28. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 28 of the Complaint.

29. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 29 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

30. Admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 30 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

31. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 31 of the Complaint.

32. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 32 of the Complaint.

33. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 33 of the Complaint.

34. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 34 of the Complaint.

35. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 35 of the Complaint.

36. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 36 of the Complaint.

37. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 37 of the Complaint.

38. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 38 of the Complaint.

39. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 39 of the Complaint.

40. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 40 of the Complaint.

41. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 41 of the Complaint.

42. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 42 of the Complaint.

43. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 43 of the Complaint.

44. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 44 of the Complaint.

45. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 45 of the Complaint.

46. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 46 of the Complaint.

47. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 47 of the Complaint.

48. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 48 of the Complaint.

49. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 49 of the Complaint.

50. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 50 of the Complaint.

51. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 51 of the Complaint.

52. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 52 of the Complaint.

53. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 53 of the Complaint.

54. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 54 of the Complaint.

55. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 55 of the Complaint.

56. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 56 of the Complaint.

57. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 57 of the Complaint.

58. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 58 of the Complaint.

59. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 59 of the Complaint.

60. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 60 of the Complaint.

61. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 61 of the Complaint.

62. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 62 of the Complaint.

63. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 63 of the Complaint.

64. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 64 of the Complaint.

65. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 65 of the Complaint.

66. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 66 of the Complaint.

67. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 67 of the Complaint.

68. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 68 of the Complaint.

69. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 69 of the Complaint.

70. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 70 of the Complaint.

71. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 71 of the Complaint.

72. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 72 of the Complaint.

73. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 73 of the Complaint.

74. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 74 of the Complaint.

75. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 75 of the Complaint.

76. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 76 of the Complaint.

77. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 77 of the Complaint.

78. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 78 of the Complaint.

79. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 79 of the Complaint.

80. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 80 of the Complaint.

81. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 81 of the Complaint.

82. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 82 of the Complaint.

83. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 83 of the Complaint.

84. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 84 of the Complaint.

85. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 85 of the Complaint.

86. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 86 of the Complaint.

87. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 87 of the Complaint.

88. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 88 of the Complaint.

89. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 89 of the Complaint, except admits that Novartis has its principal place of business at One Health Plaza, East Hanover, New Jersey and that it is a U.S. affiliate of Novartis AG, which is incorporated in Switzerland and which reported a net income of \$4.2 billion on sales of \$19.1 billion in 2001.

90. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 90 of the Complaint, except admits that Novartis manufactures or distributes drugs reimbursed by the Montana Medicaid Program.

91. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 91 of the Complaint.

92. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 92 of the Complaint.

93. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 93 of the Complaint.

94. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 94 of the Complaint.

95. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 95 of the Complaint.

96. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 96 of the Complaint.

97. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 97 of the Complaint.

98. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 98 of the Complaint.

99. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 99 of the Complaint.

100. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 100 of the Complaint.

101. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 101 of the Complaint.

102. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 102 of the Complaint.

103. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 103 of the Complaint.

104. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 104 of the Complaint.

105. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 105 of the Complaint.

106. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 106 of the Complaint.

107. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 107 of the Complaint.

108. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 108 of the Complaint.

109. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 109 of the Complaint.

110. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 110 of the Complaint.

111. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 111 of the Complaint.

III. PRESCRIPTION DRUG SPENDING IN THE UNITED STATES HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY, DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTING THE POOR AND ELDERLY

112. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 112 of the Complaint.

113. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 113 of the Complaint.

114. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 114 of the Complaint.

115. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 115 of the Complaint.

116. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 116 of the Complaint.

117. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 117 of the Complaint.

118. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 118 of the Complaint.

119. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 119 of the Complaint.

120. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 120 of the Complaint.

121. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 121 of the Complaint.

122. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 122 of the Complaint.

123. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 123 of the Complaint.

IV. THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MARKET

124. States that the first sentence of numbered paragraph 124 of the Complaint contains no allegations which require a response and admits the allegations set forth in the second sentence of numbered paragraph 124 of the Complaint.

125. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 125 of the Complaint.

126. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 126 of the Complaint.

127. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint.

128. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 128 of the Complaint.

129. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 129 of the Complaint.

130. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 130 of the Complaint.

131. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 131 of the Complaint, except admits that WAC is the price Novartis charges to a wholesaler, before discounts.

132. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 132 of the Complaint, except admits that certain drug reimbursement systems reimburse physicians and pharmacies for prescription drugs based upon AWPs as published and reported by third party publications.

133. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 133 of the Complaint.

134. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 134 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

135. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 135 of the Complaint.

136. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 136 of the Complaint.

137. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 137 of the Complaint.

138. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 138 of the Complaint, except admits that certain health plans, HMOs and employers contract with Pharmacy Benefit

Managers (“PBMs”) to process pharmaceutical claims and manage drug utilization and “formularies.”

139. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 139 of the Complaint.

140. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 140 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

141. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 141 of the Complaint.

V. GOVERNMENT REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEMS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

142. Admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 142 of the Complaint.

143. Admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 143 of the Complaint.

144. Admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 144 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a Medicare Part B covered drug.

145. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 145 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a Medicare Part B covered drug.

146. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 146 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to 42 C.F.R. § 405.517 for a full and complete reading of its provisions.

147. Admits that the quoted language set forth in numbered paragraph 147 of the Complaint appeared in a prior regulation and may have at some point in the past been a

statement of law but is not now, and admits that the AWP published in the *Red Book* or other compendia has been used as a ceiling for Medicare reimbursement.

148. Admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 148 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to 42 C.F.R. § 405.517 for a full and complete reading of its provisions.

149. As to the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 149 of the Complaint admits that the Medicare Program has publicly announced that it would use the AWP published in third party pricing compendia as the basis for reimbursement and further respectfully refers the Court to Program Memorandum AB-99-63 for a full and complete reading of its contents.

150. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 150 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to Program Memorandum AB-99-63 for a full and complete reading of its contents.

151. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 151 of the Complaint, except admits that there are no regulations describing how AWPs are to be calculated, nor any regulatory process for approving them, and that it reports certain pricing information to independent publishing companies.

152. Admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 152 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a Medicare Part B covered drug.

153. Admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 153 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a Medicare Part B covered drug.

154. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 154 of the Complaint.

155. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 155 of the Complaint.

156. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 156 of the Complaint.

157. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 157 of the Complaint.

158. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 158 of the Complaint.

159. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 159 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to 42 C.F.R. § 440.120 for a full and complete reading of its provisions.

160. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 160 of the Complaint.

161. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 161 of the Complaint.

162. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 162 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to Mont. Admin. R. 37.86.1105, Mont. Admin. R. 37.86.1101 and 42 C.F.R. § 447.331-32 for a full and complete reading of their provisions.

163. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 163 of the Complaint.

**VI. AWP PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN ALL PRESCRIPTION
DRUG REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEMS, AND THE
TRUTHFUL REPORTING OF AWPS IS ESSENTIAL
TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE MARKETPLACE**

164. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 164 of the Complaint.

165. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 165 of the Complaint.

166. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 166 of the Complaint.

167. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 167 of the Complaint, except admits that there are several pharmaceutical industry compendia that purport to publish AWPs.

168. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 168 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein, and further respectfully refers the Court to the forward to the 1999 edition of the *Red Book*, the referenced June 1996 Dow Jones news article and the Dey Complaint for a full and complete reading of their contents.

169. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 169 of the Complaint.

170. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 170 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to the Office of the Inspector General's April 2003 report "Compliance Program Guidance for Pharmaceutical Manufacturers" for a full and complete reading of its contents.

171. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 171 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers

the Court to the Office of the Inspector General's April 2003 report "Compliance Program Guidance for Pharmaceutical Manufacturers" for a full and complete reading of its contents.

172. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 172 of the Complaint.

VII. THE AWP INFLATION SCHEME

173. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 173 of the Complaint.

174. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 174 of the Complaint.

175. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 175 of the Complaint.

176. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 176 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein, except admits that, from time to time during the relevant period, Novartis provided price lists to third party publications which contained, *inter alia*, "AWPs" for certain of its drugs and, from at least 1997 to the present, stated that AWP is not intended to be a price charged by Novartis for any product to any customer.

177. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 177 of the Complaint.

178. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 178 of the Complaint.

179. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 179 of the Complaint.

180. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 180 of the Complaint.

181. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 181 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

182. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 182 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

183. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 183 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

184. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 184 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

185. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 185 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint.

186. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 186 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint.

187. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 187 of the Complaint, states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a Medicare Part B covered drug, states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint, and further respectfully refers the Court to 42 C.F.R. § 405.517 for a full and complete reading of its provisions.

188. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 188 of the Complaint, states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint, and further respectfully refers the Court to 42 C.F.R.

§ 447.332(b) and Mont. Admin. R. 37.86.1101 for a full and complete reading of their provisions.

189. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 189 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint.

190. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 190 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint.

191. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 191 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint.

192. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 192 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint.

193. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 193 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint.

194. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 194 of the Complaint and states that none of the

Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint.

195. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 195 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint.

196. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 196 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein, and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint.

197. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 197 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein, states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint, and further respectfully refers the Court to the Dey Complaint for a full and complete reading of its contents.

198. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 198 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to the Dey Complaint for a full and complete reading of its contents.

199. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 199 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth

of the allegations set forth therein, and further respectfully refers the Court to the Dey Complaint for a full and complete reading of its contents.

200. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 200 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein, and further respectfully refers the Court to the Dey Complaint for a full and complete reading of its contents.

201. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 201 of the Complaint.

202. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 202 of the Complaint.

203. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 203 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

204. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 204 of the Complaint.

205. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 205 of the Complaint.

206. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 206 of the Complaint and states that none of the Novartis products named in the Complaint is a generic drug as defined in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 127 of the Complaint.

207. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 207 of the Complaint.

208. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 208 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

209. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 209 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to the referenced 2003 Wall Street Journal article for a full and complete reading of its contents.

210. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 210 of the Complaint, except admits that it is aware of published reports of investigations by various government entities relating to pharmaceutical pricing.

211. As to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 211 of the Complaint denies the existence of, and its participation in, any “scheme” and further respectfully refers the Court to the September 28, 2000 letter from the House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health to the President of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America for a full and complete reading of its contents.

212. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 212 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to the September 28, 2000 letter from the House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health to the President of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America for a full and complete reading of its contents.

213. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 213 of the Complaint.

214. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 214 of the Complaint.

215. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 215 of the Complaint, except admits that the State of Montana purports to bring its action for the identified drugs and further states that, pursuant to the Court's June 10, 2004 Memorandum and Order and Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(b), the State may not maintain claims as to any drug for which it has not stated an alleged fraudulent AWP.

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495. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 495 of the Complaint.

496. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 496 of the Complaint.

497. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 497 of the Complaint, except admits that the State purports to seek relief for the identified drugs but denies that there is

any basis upon which to permit it to do so, and further states that, pursuant to the Court's June 10, 2004 Memorandum and Order and Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(b), the State may not maintain claims as to any drug for which it has not stated an alleged fraudulent AWP.

498. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 498 of the Complaint.

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602. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 602 of the Complaint.

VIII. DEFENDANTS' "BEST PRICE" FRAUDS

603. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 603 of the Complaint, and further respectfully refers the Court to Mont. Admin. R. 37.86.1102(6)(b) and 42 U.S.C. § 1396r-8 for a full and complete reading of their provisions.

604. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 604 of the Complaint.

605. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis states that numbered paragraph 605 of the Complaint contains no allegations which require a response.

606. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent

that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 606 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to 42 U.S.C. § 1396r-8(c)(3) for a full and complete reading of its provisions.

607. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 607 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to 42 U.S.C. § 1396r-8(k) and to the model Rebate Agreement for a full and complete reading of their provisions.

608. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 608 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to 42 U.S.C. § 1396r-8(c) for a full and complete reading of its provisions.

609. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 609 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to 42 U.S.C. § 1396r-8(c) and to the model Rebate Agreement for a full and complete reading of their provisions.

610. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 610 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to the Office of the Inspector General's April 2003 report "Compliance Program Guidance for Pharmaceutical Manufacturers" for a full and complete reading of its contents.

611. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 611 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to the Office of the Inspector General's April 2003 report "Compliance Program Guidance for Pharmaceutical Manufacturers" for a full and complete reading of its contents.

612. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 612 of the Complaint.

613. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 613 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

614. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 614 of the Complaint and further respectfully refers the Court to the Office of the Inspector General's March 2001 report "Medicaid Drug Rebates - Sales to Repackagers Excluded from Best Price Determinations" for a full and complete reading of its contents.

615. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 615 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

616. States that numbered paragraph 616 of the Complaint contains no allegations which require a response.

617. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 617 of the Complaint.

618. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 618 of the Complaint.

619. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 619 of the Complaint.

620. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 620 of the Complaint.

621. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 621 of the Complaint.

622. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 622 of the Complaint.

623. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 623 of the Complaint.

624. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 624 of the Complaint.

625. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 625 of the Complaint.

626. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 626 of the Complaint.

627. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 627 of the Complaint.

628. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 628 of the Complaint.

629. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 629 of the Complaint.

630. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 630 of the Complaint.

631. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 631 of the Complaint.

632. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 632 of the Complaint.

633. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 633 of the Complaint.

634. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 634 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 634 are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to "Best Price" pursuant to the Court's Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims related to "Best Price."

IX. DEFENDANTS' CONCEALMENT OF THE TRUTH AND TOLLING OF STATUTES OF LIMITATION

635. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 635 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

636. Admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 636 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein, and further respectfully refers the Court to the CMS Health Care Industry Market Update (dated January 10, 2003) for a full and complete reading of its contents.

637. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 637 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein, except admits that Novartis has confidentiality agreements with its customers to protect its proprietary information.

638. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 638 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

639. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 639 of the Complaint.

640. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 640 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

641. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 641 of the Complaint.

642. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 642 of the Complaint.

643. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 643 of the Complaint.

**X. DIRECT DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY THE STATE OF MONTANA,
PATIENTS AND THIRD-PARTY PAYORS**

644. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 644 of the Complaint.

645. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 645 of the Complaint.

646. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 646 of the Complaint.

647. States that numbered paragraph 647 of the Complaint contains no allegations which require a response.

648. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 648 of the Complaint.

649. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 649 of the Complaint and otherwise denies the allegations set forth therein.

650. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 650 of the Complaint.

651. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 651 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

652. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 652 of the Complaint.

653. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in the first sentence of numbered paragraph 653 of the Complaint and otherwise denies the allegations set forth therein.

XI. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

COUNT I

DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Violations of Mont. Code Ann. §§ 30-14-101-1414)

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES CAUSED TO MONTANA RESIDENTS

654. Repeats and incorporates by reference its responses to numbered paragraphs one through 653 above.

655. Admits as to numbered paragraph 655 of the Complaint that the State of Montana purports to assert Count I on behalf of Montana residents but denies that there is any basis upon which to permit it to do so.

656. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 656 and subparagraphs 656(a)-(e) of the Complaint.

657. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 657 of the Complaint.

658. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 658 of the Complaint.

659. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 659 of the Complaint.

660. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 660 of the Complaint.

COUNT II

DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

(Violations of Mont. Code Ann. §§ 30-14-101-1414)

**CLAIM FOR CIVIL PENALTIES, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, AND RESTITUTION FOR
THE STATE OF MONTANA**

661. Repeats and incorporates by reference its responses to numbered paragraphs one through 660 above.

662. Admits as to numbered paragraph 662 of the Complaint that the State of Montana purports to bring Count II but denies that there is any basis upon which to permit it to do so.

663. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 663 and subparagraphs 663(a)-(e) of the Complaint, and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 663 and subparagraphs 663(a)-(e) are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to “Best Price” pursuant to the Court’s Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims related to “Best Price.”

664. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 664 of the Complaint, and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 664 are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to “Best Price” pursuant to the Court’s Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims related to “Best Price.”

665. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 665 of the Complaint, and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 665 are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to “Best Price” pursuant to the Court’s Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims related to “Best Price.”

666. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 666 of the Complaint, and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 666 are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to "Best Price" pursuant to the Court's Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims related to "Best Price."

667. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 667 of the Complaint, and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 667 are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to "Best Price" pursuant to the Court's Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims related to "Best Price."

COUNT III

MEDICAID FRAUD

(Violations of Mont. Code Ann. § 53-6-160)

CLAIM FOR COST RECOVERY

668. Repeats and incorporates by reference its responses to numbered paragraphs one through 667 above.

669. Admits as to numbered paragraph 669 of the Complaint that the State of Montana purports to bring Count III but denies that there is any basis upon which to permit it to do so.

670. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 670 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

671. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent

that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 671 of the Complaint.

672. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 672 and subparagraphs 672(a)-(c) of the Complaint.

673. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 673 of the Complaint.

674. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 674 of the Complaint.

675. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 675 of the Complaint.

676. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 676 of the Complaint and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 676 are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to "Best Price" pursuant to the Court's Memorandum and Order dated

June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims by plaintiffs in Count III of the Complaint related to "Best Price."

677. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 677 of the Complaint, and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 677 are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to "Best Price" pursuant to the Court's Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims by plaintiffs in Count III of the Complaint related to "Best Price."

678. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 678 of the Complaint, and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 678 are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to "Best Price" pursuant to the Court's Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims by plaintiffs in Count III of the Complaint related to "Best Price."

679. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 679 of the Complaint, and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 679 are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to "Best Price" pursuant to the Court's Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims by plaintiffs in Count III of the Complaint related to "Best Price."

COUNT IV

FALSE CLAIMS

(Violations of Mont. Code Ann. § 17-8-231)

**CLAIM FOR FORFEITURE, CIVIL PENALTIES, DOUBLE DAMAGES
AND LEGAL COSTS**

680. Repeats and incorporates by reference its responses to numbered paragraphs one through 679 above.

681. Admits as to numbered paragraph 681 of the Complaint that the State of Montana purports to bring Count IV but denies that there is any basis upon which to permit it to do so.

682. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 682 of the Complaint as to Novartis and otherwise denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth therein.

683. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 683 of the Complaint.

684. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 684 and subparagraphs 684(a)-(c) of the Complaint.

685. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 685 of the Complaint.

686. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent

that any response is required, Novartis denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 686 of the Complaint.

687. Plaintiff's "Best Price" claims against Novartis have been dismissed by the Court's Order dated June 10, 2004 and, therefore, no response to this allegation is required; to the extent that any response is required, Novartis denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 687 of the Complaint.

688. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 688 of the Complaint and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 688 are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to "Best Price" pursuant to the Court's Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims by plaintiffs in Count IV of the Complaint related to "Best Price."

689. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 689 of the Complaint, and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 689 are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to "Best Price" pursuant to the Court's Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims by plaintiffs in Count IV of the Complaint related to "Best Price."

690. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 690 of the Complaint, and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 690 are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to "Best Price" pursuant to the Court's Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims by plaintiffs in Count IV of the Complaint related to "Best Price."

691. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 691 of the Complaint and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 691 are moot pursuant to the

Court's Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims by plaintiffs in Count IV of the Complaint related to "Best Price" and otherwise denies the allegations set forth therein.

COUNT V

PUNITIVE DAMAGES

CLAIM BROUGHT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

692. Repeats and incorporates by reference its responses to numbered paragraphs one through 691 above.

693. Denies the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 693 and subparagraphs 693(a)-(b) of the Complaint, and further states that the allegations set forth in numbered paragraph 693 and subparagraphs 693(a)-(b) are moot as to Novartis to the extent that they relate to "Best Price" pursuant to the Court's Memorandum and Order dated June 10, 2004 in which the Court dismissed all claims by plaintiffs related to "Best Price."

XII. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Novartis denies plaintiff is entitled to a judgment or any other relief requested in the Prayer for Relief.

**NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICALS
CORPORATION'S AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

The pleading of these affirmative defenses does not relieve plaintiff of its burdens to prove each and every element of its claims and the damages, if any, to which it is entitled. As and for its affirmative defenses, Novartis alleges as follows:

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

694. Plaintiff fails to state a claim against Novartis upon which relief may be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

695. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the political question and separation of powers doctrines.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

696. Plaintiff has no standing or capacity to bring some or all of the claims raised in this suit, including but not limited to, plaintiff's asserted status in *parens patriae* to recover Medicaid or Medicare expenditures or to seek injunctive relief.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

697. Plaintiff has not suffered, and will not suffer, any injury to a legally protected or cognizable interest by reason of the conduct of Novartis as alleged in the Complaint.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

698. To the extent plaintiff or any of its citizens for whom it is seeking relief obtains recovery in any other case predicated on the same factual allegations, plaintiff is barred from seeking recovery against Novartis based on the Complaint pursuant to the doctrines of res judicata and collateral estoppel, and the prohibition on double recovery for the same injury.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

699. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and the analogous provisions of the Constitution of the State of Montana.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

700. Plaintiff fails to allege with particularity its civil conspiracy claims against Novartis as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(b).

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

701. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, to the extent that plaintiff or any of its citizens for whom it is seeking relief has released, settled, entered into an accord and satisfaction or otherwise compromised its claims.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

702. Any and all actions taken by Novartis with respect to any of the matters alleged in the Complaint were taken in good faith and in accordance with established industry practice.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

703. Plaintiff's claims are preempted, in whole or in part, by federal law, including without limitation the Federal Employment Retirement Income and Security Act of 1974, the Federal Medicare Act, and the Federal Medicaid Act, including all amendments to the same and all regulations promulgated thereunder.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

704. Plaintiff's claims are preempted by the dormant Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

705. Plaintiff's claims against Novartis are barred because Novartis has complied with all applicable regulations of the federal and state governments.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

706. Plaintiff's claims against Novartis are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statutes of limitations and repose, and by the doctrines of laches, estoppel and waiver.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

707. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because they violate Novartis' rights under the Due Process and *Ex Post Facto* clauses of the United States Constitution, as well

as the Constitution of the State of Montana, insofar as plaintiff seeks to impose liability retroactively for conduct that was not actionable at the time it occurred.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

708. Novartis' statements or actions were not the proximate cause or cause in fact of any injury to or alleged loss by plaintiff.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

709. Plaintiff fails to state with particularity facts to support the fraud allegations, and fails to plead with particularity the fraudulent concealment and multi-source medicine allegations against Novartis contained in the Complaint.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

710. Plaintiff's claims against Novartis are barred, in whole or in part, because Novartis did not make any false statements to plaintiff or any of the citizens for whom plaintiff is seeking relief. As to any statement asserted against Novartis that plaintiff alleges to be false or misleading, Novartis had no reasonable grounds to believe, and did not believe at the time such a statement was made, that the statement was false or misleading.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

711. To the extent that plaintiff attempts to seek equitable relief against Novartis, it is not entitled to such relief because it has an adequate remedy at law.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

712. Plaintiff's claims against Novartis for injunctive relief were mooted by the passage of the 2003 Medicare reform legislation.

TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

713. Plaintiff's claims for injunctive relief against Novartis are barred by the doctrines of *in pari delicto* and/or unclean hands.

TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

714. The acts complained of in the Complaint are ancillary to legitimate, pro-competitive activity.

TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

715. Novartis' conduct was not intended to have, did not have and was not likely to have had any adverse effects on competition in any relevant market.

TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

716. Plaintiff's claims against Novartis are barred, in whole or in part, with respect to any alleged overcharge or supra-competitive price because such supra-competitive price, if any, was absorbed, in whole or part, by a person and/or entity which purchased the medicine directly, and/or by an intermediate indirect purchaser, and was not passed through to plaintiff.

TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

717. Plaintiff's claims against Novartis are barred, in whole or in part, due to its failure to join indispensable parties.

TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

718. Plaintiff's claims against Novartis are barred, in whole or in part, because it has suffered no damages as a result of the matters alleged in the Complaint.

TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

719. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because any injuries sustained by plaintiff were the result of its own conduct or the intervening or superceding conduct of third parties.

TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

720. Plaintiff's claims against Novartis for damages are barred, in whole or in part: (1) because it failed to mitigate its damages, and its failure to mitigate damages should

proportionately reduce the recovery of plaintiff and the allocation of any fault, if any exists, attributable to Novartis; (2) because it would be unjustly enriched if allowed to recover any portion of the damages alleged in the Complaint; (3) by the doctrine of consent and/or ratification to the extent that plaintiff has received and paid for products manufactured, marketed and sold by Novartis after the filing of plaintiff's original Complaint; and (4) because they are speculative and remote and because of the impossibility of ascertaining and allocating of those alleged damages.

TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

721. Novartis is entitled to a set-off, should any damages be awarded against it, for the entire amount of all damages or settlement amounts recovered by plaintiff, with respect to the same alleged injuries.

TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

722. Any damages recovered by plaintiff from Novartis must be limited by the applicable statutory ceilings on recoverable damages.

THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

723. Plaintiff fails to allege facts or a cause of action against Novartis sufficient to support a claim for attorneys' fees, double damages and/or legal fees.

THIRTY FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

724. To the extent punitive damages are sought, plaintiff's punitive damages claims against Novartis: (1) have no basis in law or fact; (2) are not recoverable because the allegations of the Complaint are legally insufficient to support a claim for punitive damages against Novartis; (3) cannot be sustained because the laws regarding the standards for determining liability for and the amount of punitive damages fail to give Novartis prior notice of the conduct for which punitive damages may be imposed and the severity of the penalty that may be

imposed, and are void for vagueness in violation of Novartis' Due Process rights guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Montana; (4) cannot be sustained because any award of punitive damages exceeding the limits authorized by the laws or other comparable laws would violate Novartis' due process and equal protection rights guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and would be improper under the Constitution, common law and laws of the State of Montana; (5) cannot be sustained because an award of punitive damages in this case, combined with any prior, contemporaneous, or subsequent judgments against Novartis for punitive damages arising from the design, development, manufacture, fabrication, distribution, supply, marketing, sale, or use of Novartis' products would constitute impermissible multiple punishments for the same wrong, in violation of Novartis' Due Process and Equal Protection rights guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and would constitute double jeopardy in violation of the Constitution, common law, and statutory laws of the State of Montana; (6) cannot be sustained because any award of punitive damages without the apportionment of the award separately and severally between or among the alleged joint tortfeasors, as determined by the alleged percentage of the wrong committed by each alleged tortfeasor, would violate Novartis' Due Process and Equal Protection rights guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and would be improper under the Constitution, common law, and public policies of the State of Montana; and (7) cannot be sustained because any award of punitive damages, which are penal in nature, without according Novartis the same protections that are accorded to all criminal defendants, including the protection against unreasonable searches and seizures, the privilege against self-incrimination, and the rights to confront adverse witnesses, a speedy trial, and the effective

assistance of counsel, would violate Novartis' rights guaranteed by the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment as incorporated into the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and would be improper under the Constitution, common law, and public policies of the State of Montana.

THIRTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

725. To the extent punitive damages are sought, plaintiff's claim for punitive damages against Novartis cannot be sustained because an award of punitive damages by a jury that: (1) is not provided constitutionally adequate standards of sufficient clarity for determining the appropriate imposition of, and the appropriate size of, a punitive damages award; (2) is not adequately instructed on the limits of punitive damages imposed by the applicable principles of deterrence and punishment; (3) is not expressly prohibited from awarding punitive damages, or determining the amount of an award of punitive damages, in whole or in part on the basis of invidiously discriminatory characteristics, including without limitation the residence, wealth, and corporate status of Novartis; (4) is permitted to award punitive damages under a standard for determining liability for punitive damages that is vague and arbitrary and does not define with sufficient clarity the conduct or mental state that makes punitive damages permissible; (5) is not properly instructed regarding plaintiff's burden of proof with respect to each and every element of a claim for punitive damages; and (6) is not subject to trial court and appellate judicial review for reasonableness and furtherance of legitimate purposes on the basis of constitutionally adequate and objective standards, would violate Novartis' Due Process and Equal Protection rights guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and would be improper under the Constitution, common law, and public policies of the State of Montana.

THIRTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

726. To the extent punitive damages are sought, plaintiff's claim for punitive damages against Novartis cannot be sustained because an award of punitive damages that is subject to no predetermined limit, such as a maximum multiple of compensatory damages or a maximum amount of punitive damages that may be imposed, would: (1) violate Novartis' due process rights guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; (2) violate Novartis' right not to be subjected to an excessive award; and (3) be improper under the Constitution, common law, and public policies of the State of Montana.

THIRTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

727. Novartis adopts by reference any additional applicable defense pled by any other defendant not otherwise pled herein.

THIRTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

728. Novartis hereby gives notice that it intends to rely upon any other and additional defense that is now or may become available or appear during, or as a result of the discovery proceedings in this action and hereby reserves its right to amend its answer to assert such defense.

THIRTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

729. Plaintiff's claims against Novartis for damages with regard to multiple-source products are inconsistent with the laws of mathematics and conflict with plaintiff's liability theory.

THIRTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

730. Plaintiff's claims against Novartis are barred because Novartis did not directly or indirectly conspire with any other entity or engage in any other conduct in violation of state or federal law.

THIRTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

731. Plaintiff's claims against Novartis are barred because Novartis did not directly or indirectly engage in any conduct in violation of state or federal law.

THIRTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

732. Novartis denies that plaintiff has valid consumer protection claims against Novartis under Montana state law. However, if such claims are found to exist, Novartis pleads all available defenses under the applicable laws.

FORTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

733. Any allegedly fraudulent statements or conduct of Novartis did not directly or proximately cause the alleged injuries as required under state consumer protection laws of Montana.

FORTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

734. Novartis' conduct was not "deceptive" as required under Montana consumer protection laws.

FORTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

735. Plaintiff did not rely on the allegedly fraudulent statements or conduct of Novartis as required under the Montana consumer protection laws.

FORTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

736. Any allegedly fraudulent statement or conduct of Novartis was not consumer-oriented as required under the Montana consumer protection laws.

FORTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

737. Since at least 1997 Novartis has affirmatively stated on its published price lists that the AWP reported on its lists was not intended to be a price charged by Novartis for any product to any customer. Novartis thus disclosed in its price announcements that reported AWPs

for Novartis drugs did not, and were not intended to, represent the actual price paid by purchasers of such products. Accordingly, plaintiffs are estopped from claiming to have been defrauded by virtue of any action by Novartis.

FORTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

738. Some or all of plaintiff's claims against Novartis arise from plaintiff's failure to follow its federal and state statutory and regulatory obligation to set reimbursement rates at Estimated Acquisition Cost.

WHEREFORE, defendant Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation demands that: (1) the Complaint be in all respects dismissed as to it; (2) it be awarded its costs of defending this action, including its reasonable attorneys' fees; and (3) it be awarded such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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